

Amendments to the Specification:

At the top of page 1 of the specification, immediately below the title, please delete the paragraph inserted in the Second Preliminary Amendment of 04/10/03, and insert the following substitute paragraph:

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This application is a ~~continuation~~ division of USSN 09/701,933, filed 08/20/01, now pending, which is ~~the~~ a 371 National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US98/17769, filed 08/27/1998, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/920,630, filed 08/27/1997, now abandoned.

Delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 21-22 and substitute therefore the following paragraph:

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Figures 12-17 show final profiles for implants produced according to the alternate method of figures 10 and 11. Fig. 12E show an embodiment of the implant of Fig. 12A formed from two stacked components. Fig. 12F show an embodiment of the implant of Fig. 12A formed from two components in juxtaposition.